

WE NEED House Bill 256! (Formerly HB148 in 2013)

Dear The Utah State House, The Utah State Senate, and Governor Gary Herbert,

We are pleased to present you with this petition affirming this statement:

"House Bill 148 CAN SAVE A LIFE! Allow our adopted children access to their medical history!"

Attached is a list of individuals who have added their names to this petition, as well as additional comments written by the petition signers themselves.

Sincerely,
Sarah Boynton

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Michelle Rhodes
Salt Lake City, UT 84117
Mar 8, 2014

Marcy Larson
Lehi, UT 84043
Mar 8, 2014

Danielle Carlsen
Fruit Heights, UT 84037
Mar 7, 2014

Sabrina Clifford
West Valley City, UT 84120
Mar 7, 2014

Molly Ford
Taylorsville, UT 84129
Mar 7, 2014

Amy Biscaro
Layton, UT 84041
Mar 7, 2014

Jennifer Odei
Los Angeles, CA 90034
Mar 7, 2014

Tracy Wagstaff
South Jordan, UT 84095
Mar 7, 2014

Dawn Holley
Woods Cross, UT 84087
Mar 7, 2014

melanie lutz
Woods Cross, UT 84087
Mar 7, 2014

Pass it!

Lynn Chatterton
Murray, UT 84123
Mar 7, 2014

Martina Muir
West Bountiful, UT 84054

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Lauralee Gubler
WVC, UT 84120
Mar 7, 2014

Sabrina Huyett
Provo, UT 84606
Mar 7, 2014

Chelsea Anderson
Saratoga springs, UT 84045
Mar 7, 2014

Hanna Redfern
Provo, UT 84604
Mar 7, 2014

Heather Jordan
Saratoga Springs, UT 84045
Mar 7, 2014

Robert Larson
Lehi, UT 84043
Mar 7, 2014

Janean Dale
West Valley City, UT 84120
Mar 7, 2014

Haylea zaugg
Provo, UT 84601
Mar 6, 2014

myra payne
salt lake city, UT 84106
Mar 6, 2014

Jenny Sato
Ogden, UT 84404
Mar 6, 2014

Joshua Haynes Redfern
West Jordan, UT 84081
Mar 6, 2014

Andrea Terry
riverton, UT 84096
Mar 6, 2014

Haley Kirkpatrick
Lehi, UT 84043
Mar 6, 2014

Deborah Tanner
Salt Lake City, UT 84124
Mar 6, 2014

GraceAnn Freston
Roosevelt, UT 84066
Mar 6, 2014

Mallory Funkhouser
Salt Lake City, UT 84129
Mar 5, 2014

Jennifer Park
Murray, UT 84123
Mar 5, 2014

for sure this needs to pass!!!!

Arla Sanders
Hurricane, UT 84737
Mar 4, 2014

Bernadine Leon
St. George, UT 84790
Mar 4, 2014

Eric LaRue
Newark, NJ 07106
Mar 4, 2014

Great work Sarah Boynton!!!

Amber Houston
Park City, UT 84098
Mar 4, 2014

I am an Adoptee, born at Holy Cross Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah June of 1964. I have been dealing with major health issues and have been unable to assist in providing my doctors with information that may be relevant to my problem. These laws are old and need to be updated to help both the adoptee and the birthmother.

A-Na Jerra Murray
Forestville, MD 20747
Mar 4, 2014

Angela Christiansen
West Jordan, UT 84081
Mar 4, 2014

I hosted In my home, the reunion of a birth mother and her son given up for adoption more than 50 years earlier. The tears of joy, gratitude and emotions we all felt that day will never be forgotten. This legislation will enable many more such reunions.

David Fail
South Jordan, UT 84095
Mar 4, 2014

Deeann Reynolds
Salt Lake City, UT 84108
Mar 4, 2014

Josh Twelves
West Valley City, UT 84120
Mar 4, 2014

Every woman has the right to choose!!!!

nicole Chavez
salt lake, UT 84124
Mar 4, 2014

Verlynn Cook
Cedar fort, UT 84013
Mar 4, 2014

Lindsay Butler
Beavercreek, OH 45434
Mar 4, 2014

Please support this House Bill 256.....148. This will allow adopted children access to their medical history!
Please and thanks.

Rita Galloway
Gainesville, FL 32653
Mar 4, 2014

These laws need to change to align open policies with open laws. It is immoral to deny adoptees knowledge of their families they came from.

Kendall Williams
woods cross, UT 84087
Mar 3, 2014

Cathy Candelaria
Bountiful, UT 84010
Mar 3, 2014

Patricia Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84121
Mar 3, 2014

Barbara E. McCarthy
Holladay, UT 84117
Mar 3, 2014

Capryce Rose
Victoria, Canada
Mar 3, 2014

Katie Barlow
Bountiful, UT 84010
Mar 3, 2014

ralph barlow
bountiful, UT 84010
Mar 3, 2014

What a great historic moment for the women and children of Utah affected by adoption. God Bless the Legislators who voted for this and those who have worked so hard to draft this bill and attend committee meetings on its behalf

cathy
bountiful, UT 84010
Mar 3, 2014

Mark Woodbury
salt lake city, UT 84109
Mar 3, 2014

william roberts
salt lake city, UT 84116
Mar 3, 2014

Jeanne Pulliam
Salt Lake City, UT 84103
Mar 3, 2014

Alice Clark
Cedar Valley, UT 84013
Mar 3, 2014

David Guymon
Ogden Utah, UT 84403
Mar 3, 2014

Maria Puryear
Fair Haven, NJ 07704
Mar 3, 2014

Knowledge of family medical history can save lives!

julie west
Columbus, OH 43231
Mar 3, 2014

I urge the passing of this bill to allow women a choice when surrendering their children to adoption.

charlotte staten
Bountiful, UT 84010
Mar 3, 2014

Salena clark
Grantsville, UT 84029
Mar 3, 2014

in GOD we trust not man gop=greedy old pigs!!!

ms ruthe
oceanside, CA 92056
Feb 24, 2014

Stephanie Smart
West Valley, UT 84120
Feb 21, 2014

Kristina McIntyre
Salt Lake City, UT 84105
Feb 21, 2014

Shelly Sorensen
Oakley, UT 84055
Feb 21, 2014

Alicia Cervantes
salt lake city, UT 84107
Feb 21, 2014

Jennifer Moon
Kearns, UT 84118

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Carla Moquin
Salt Lake City, UT 84106
Feb 21, 2014

Kimberly L Kasey
South Salt Lake, UT 84115
Feb 21, 2014

Christine
Salt Lake City, UT 84102
Feb 21, 2014

Utahna utah
Ogden, UT 84404
Jul 11, 2013

Mindee Greenhagen
Indianola, WA 98342
Jun 22, 2013

Jean Camas
East Northport, NY 11731
Jun 18, 2013

This has information has helped both of my adopted daughter-in-laws

Donna Chernick
Bellevue, WA 98008
Jun 17, 2013

Gretchen mcnees
South jordan, UT 84095
May 9, 2013

Alesia Hanson
South Jordan, UT 84095
May 9, 2013

Kim Chase
Avondale, AZ 85392
Apr 29, 2013

Carlinda Wilkerson Dringle
West Valley City, UT 84119
Apr 29, 2013

Kati Spencer
Taylorsville, UT 84129
Apr 28, 2013

Anna Van Wagoner
Salt Lake City, UT 84102
Apr 27, 2013

Adoptee Rights!

Chloie
Salt Lake City, UT 84105
Apr 27, 2013

Jana Fail
Lehi, UT 84043
Apr 26, 2013

karyn manns
Midvale, UT 84047-2108
Apr 23, 2013

Stephen Foulger
Clearfield, UT 84015
Apr 18, 2013

Open access!

Cindy
Salt Lake City, UT 84109
Apr 8, 2013

There are currently 5 adoptee rights bills on SignOn, including mine -- please search "adoptee" to find them all and sign them all. We deserve the same rights as every other US citizen!

Elaine Ciccaroni
Douglaston, NY 11363
Mar 27, 2013

I really need to find my biological parents for medical reasons as well personal interest. This is a good idea!!

Jason Cory
Basehor, KS 66007
Mar 25, 2013

Alison R Key
Colorado Springs, CO 80923
Mar 24, 2013

Jeff Davis
Salt Lake City, UT 84102
Mar 22, 2013

ted davis
RIVERTON, UT 84065
Mar 21, 2013

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http://ufmemlxtbjlt.com/

iavyop
KlpNVhwaVvCJWovkqGP, Belarus
Mar 20, 2013

In this day and age, it is very important to allow adopted children or their mothers to have the OPTION - to contact each other. I am in research and studies have shown that the decision whether to abort or put the child up for adoption is not based on this at all. All this legislation is doing is giving adopted children and their mothers the option to contact each other should they want to. Please give them the OPTION. It may prove to be incredibly important for their medical history or their medical mental health.

Carole Hancey
park city, UT 84098
Mar 17, 2013

jodi pavich
ogden, UT 84412
Mar 17, 2013

Deborah Smith
Syracuse, UT 84075
Mar 17, 2013

This should not even have to be written into law, everyone should have access to their own information. Adoptees have that right once their parents elect to give them life. Please do not deny anyone this information, it does not protect anyone in the end, but it could really hurt someone.

Jennifer Graham
Salt Lake City, UT 84126
Mar 17, 2013

Christopher
williamsport, PA 17701
Mar 17, 2013

Penny Boven
Boise, ID 83716

Mar 16, 2013

I am a birthmother and the founder in 1976 of the first national support group for birthparents. Neither my own Surrender document nor the thousands I have seen guarantee confidentiality to birthparents. If anyone alleges otherwise, please tell them to provide evidence of a contracted surrender document which guarantees confidentiality! Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Lee Campbell
Punta Gorda, FL 33951
Mar 16, 2013

Lacy
Anaheim, CA 92806
Mar 16, 2013

tasia fort
gaston, OR 97119
Mar 16, 2013

Lynda B
Clearfield, UT 84015
Mar 16, 2013

Laurie Vermillion
Draper, UT 84020
Mar 16, 2013

Donna Giavonette
Cape Coral, FL 33993
Mar 16, 2013

sheila greenwalt
Cedar City, UT 84721
Mar 16, 2013

We have the largest family history library in the world at our fingertips here in Utah. Yet as an adoptee (35 yrs old mind you....) I can't research my own family tree, to learn of their past, my past, medical, spiritual and emotional experiences. My family tree begins and ends with me and my children. Please allow us access to this often vital information. Being a private, closed adoption (with the attorney deceased and files destroyed) I am unable to locate this information any other way. You must allow us the ability to obtain this information.
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=101287776723690&set=a.100501863468948.889.100005274030616&type=photo>

Melissa Emery
West Valley City, UT 84120
Mar 15, 2013

Amy Wever
Taylorsville, UT 84123
Mar 15, 2013

Rebecca
west jordan, UT 84084
Mar 15, 2013

Lauren Brinton
Nashville, TN 37211
Mar 15, 2013

Medical family histories (even without names) save lives

Spencer Glazier
Bluffdale, UT 84065
Mar 15, 2013

Sara Lee
Cedar City, UT 84721
Mar 15, 2013

Linda Wong
Salt Lake City, UT 84103
Mar 15, 2013

My best friend has suffered all her life from an inability to have access to her medical records and family medical history. I believe strongly in a person's right to know their own medical inheritance.

Emily G. Smith
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84111
Mar 15, 2013

Terrie Basinger
Bountiful, UT 84010
Mar 15, 2013

Cathy endicott
Sandy, UT 84092
Mar 15, 2013

Melissa boynton
Wvc, UT 84120
Mar 14, 2013

Maria Ison
West Jordan, UT 84081
Mar 14, 2013

I have two adopted children and know from experience that this would be a great help for families like us.

Cindy Pettersson
West Valley, UT 85128
Mar 14, 2013

Jacqueline graham
Bountiful, UT 84010
Mar 14, 2013

Shari Drake
Leeds, UT 84746
Mar 14, 2013

Becky Baird
West Valley City, UT 84120
Mar 14, 2013

Jessica Marcantelli
Clearfield, UT 84015
Mar 14, 2013

Jesse Anthony
PROVO, UT 84606-4958
Mar 14, 2013

Alexandria Glazier
Riverton, UT 84065
Mar 14, 2013

Anna-Lee Hernandez
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Mar 14, 2013

katie
salt lake city, UT 84121
Mar 14, 2013

Sean Flanagan
DPO, AE 09265
Mar 14, 2013

Dawn Mangum
Kearns, UT 84118
Mar 14, 2013

Please pass this bill!

Shauna Andreason
Murray, UT 94124
Mar 14, 2013

Jenny Williams
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Mar 14, 2013

Brooke Edwards
Bountiful, UT 84010
Mar 14, 2013

Correne Bugby
Murray, UT 84107
Mar 14, 2013

Kitt Davis
West Jordan, UT 84081
Mar 14, 2013

Lyn Barker
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Mar 14, 2013

Ann Peterson
Murray, UT 84123
Mar 14, 2013

As an adult adoptee I feel strongly that you should take a second look at this bill and think of the long term ramifications of not passing bill! Don't let the Eagle Forum run this state! Just because they are the squeaky wheel does not mean they are right!

Nanette Evans
Midvale, UT 84047
Mar 14, 2013

Sandy Craft
SLC, UT 84105
Mar 14, 2013

Encarni
South Jordan, UT 84095
Mar 14, 2013

Anna
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

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Jessica
Slc, UT 84109
Mar 14, 2013

Ryan Latimer
SLC, UT 84157
Mar 14, 2013

Rodney Bennett
Orem, UT 84097
Mar 14, 2013

kelly clawson
Tooele,, UT 84074
Mar 14, 2013

Genetic history is too important to ignore. Adopted children need this information. Please act!

sheri bernard
Salt Lake City, UT 84105
Mar 14, 2013

Janae cooper
West valley city, UT 84120
Mar 14, 2013

Anthony Porter
West Jordan, UT 84084
Mar 14, 2013

Will Bollwerk
Sandy, UT 84094
Mar 14, 2013

Dawn
Salt Lake City, UT 84115
Mar 14, 2013

Natalie Andrus
St. George, UT 84770
Mar 13, 2013

Charlie Garrett
Sandy, UT 84092
Mar 13, 2013

Kirsti Raleigh
Sandy, UT 84070
Mar 13, 2013

W. Lewis Black
Slc, UT 84109
Mar 13, 2013

Steven Broschinsky
Murray, UT 84107
Mar 13, 2013

As the wife of a man who is adopted - and has absolutely no information regarding his biological family's medical history, and the mother of his child, I feel it is imperative that this bill be passed. We are facing so many unknowns when, in this day and age, knowledge is powerful. A keystone to prevention and an aid in proper treatment. I fear for my husband, my son, and the children from his first marriage. Please, consider this bill and the benefits to so many lives it holds if passed. Thank you.

Rebecca Gober
New Windsor, NY 12553
Mar 13, 2013

Carol Lakin
St. George, UT 84790
Mar 13, 2013

Kimberly Nielsen
Draper, UT 84020
Mar 13, 2013

Tell Gayle Ruzika she does not speak for the majority in this state and to stop sticking her nose where it doesn't belong!

Kara Black
Salt Lake City, UT 84109
Mar 13, 2013

Steve Gomez
West Valley City, UT 84119
Mar 13, 2013

Help find one another.

Blaketta Allen
taylorsville utha, UT 84118
Mar 13, 2013

Teresa
West Jordan, UT 84084
Mar 13, 2013

Amber Madsen
Murray, UT 84123
Mar 13, 2013

Betty R Fail
Taylorsville, UT 84129
Mar 13, 2013

Dane Dickerson
Murray, UT 84107
Mar 13, 2013

THIS IS FOR MY BABY BRO.

VICKI
LAYTON, UT 84040
Mar 13, 2013

This bill should have a the very least left committee for debate on the floor. The fact that it wasn't researched by the members of the committee demonstrates their inability to represent their constituency.

Corey Brandenburger
South Jordan, UT 84095
Mar 13, 2013

Aimee Ritchie
Pleasant Grove, UT 84062
Mar 13, 2013

Susanne
Saratoga Springs, UT 84045
Mar 13, 2013

Please pass this bill!!!

Karyn Tucker
Bountiful, UT 84010
Mar 13, 2013

this is the greater good we need!

Amara Gulsby
Taylorsville, UT 84129
Mar 13, 2013

This is just common sense!

Kelli Jones
Pleasant View, UT 84414
Mar 13, 2013

Joy Wells
WestValley city, UT 84119
Mar 13, 2013

Sheridan Davis
Sandy, UT 84094
Mar 13, 2013

neil saylor
s. slc, UT 84115
Mar 13, 2013

There should be no problems allowing an adopted child to have access to his/her medical history. If the birth mother doesn't want to be identified that does not have to be part of the information given to the child.

J. Claspill
Ssl, UT 84107
Mar 12, 2013

Alice nielson
Murray, UT 84107
Mar 12, 2013

My mother-in-law and a nephew were both adopted. Neither of them had access to their birth parents' medical histories. Both of them have what are called "hereditary illnesses". By asking birth parents to give a medical history before a child is placed for adoption would be a blessing to the child and to the adoptive parents. Not doing so will cause more harm to all of those that are involved in an adoption.

Monica Call
Provo, UT 84606
Mar 12, 2013

Ellicia
Castle Dale, UT 84513
Mar 12, 2013

Arthur Sutherland
White City, UT 84094
Mar 12, 2013

As an adopted mother, I can tell you of the many times knowing more about the medical history of both biological parents, especially the father, would have helped in decision making and peace of mind. It is like living with a large black hole and hoping we are making the best choice in a big guessing game. Please give us more tools to help our children as they . . . we make this journey through life. Dr. Suzanne McKenna

Dr. Suzanne McKenna
Salt Lake City, UT 84117
Mar 12, 2013

As an adopted person with no access to family medical history I see real value in this bill

Steve Lutz
Salt Lake City, UT 84103
Mar 12, 2013

There is no question. I have been touched by this issue in my family too. Ronald Wayne White

Ronald Wayne White
S.L.C., UT 84124
Mar 12, 2013

David Andreason
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Mar 12, 2013

Janet Gioffre-Harrington
Ogden, UT 84401
Mar 12, 2013

this could save a life.

Lee Anne Walker
Salt Lake City, UT 84121
Mar 12, 2013

Heather Nichole Maughan
Salt Lake City, UT 84123
Mar 11, 2013

Marisa Stringham
Hooper, UT 84315
Mar 11, 2013

Ted & Kay Packard
Salt Lake City, UT, UT 84124
Mar 11, 2013

Kelli Peterson
Slc, UT 84102
Mar 11, 2013

Mike Harrell
Salt Lake City, UT 84106
Mar 11, 2013

As the parent of three children adopted in a state that provided us with full family histories, I support this wholeheartedly.

Jill Minnich
Ogden, UT 84404
Mar 11, 2013

All adoptees should be allowed access to their records once they reach the age of adulthood; and birth parents should be able to access their child's records once the child reaches adulthood. I'm in my 50s and haven't been a child in over 30 years. It's time to legalize adulthood in Utah.

Teresa Tate
Stansbury Park, UT 84074
Mar 11, 2013

Consent for contact does not increase abortions. The opposite is true! Please see statistics available at the American Adoption Congress's website! I was denied access to my medical records after a county clerk herself checked my records for me, and had a judge approve only providing me with redacted documents. I even had my adoptive with me for support, even though I was in my 20's.

Anne Singleton
Ogden, UT 84403
Mar 11, 2013

terri shugart
cedar city, UT 84720
Mar 11, 2013

As an adoptive mother with not only an open adoption, but one where we have contact with our twin boys' natural mother, adoption is something to be supported and celebrated, not kept in the shadows.

Stephanie Roth
West Valley City, UT 84128
Mar 11, 2013

Lynn Zaritsky
Mt Pleasant, UT 84647
Mar 11, 2013

Amy Wright

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West Valley City, UT 84120
Mar 11, 2013

Mary
West Jordan, UT 84084
Mar 11, 2013

Maureen Engh
Salt Lake City, UT 84121
Mar 11, 2013

As a birth mother, I want my child to have access to my medical history. This could totally SAVE A LIFE!

Erin Allen
West Valley City, UT 84119
Mar 11, 2013

Raymond Petersen
West Jordan, UT 84081
Mar 11, 2013

Family Medical History Questionnaires are de rigour are they not?
<http://saltcitysinner.blogspot.com/2013/03/an-open-letter-to-utah-state.html>

Gerald
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Mar 10, 2013

summer smith
slc, UT 84116
Mar 10, 2013

Aaron
Herriman, UT 84096
Mar 10, 2013

Sarah Dickey
Murray, UT 84107
Mar 10, 2013

Medical information can save a life! Please don't allow others to die because you are afraid it fight the powers that be.

Rachel Petersen
West Jordan, UT 84081
Mar 9, 2013

Jeanne Patterson
Herriman, UT 84096

Mar 9, 2013

Corinne Redstone
Valverde, CA 91384
Mar 9, 2013

Jean bramble
Escalante, UT 84726
Mar 9, 2013

I have seen open adoptions bless the lives of birth mothers, adoptive parents, and adopted children.

Heather Hemingway-Hales
DRAPER, UT 84020
Mar 9, 2013

A family medical history can be a very important part of preventative care, and I strongly believe that adopted children, such as myself, should have access to medical information about their biologic families. In addition, allowing birth mothers to update whether or not they want their identities disclosed would greatly facilitate reunions of adult adoptees and their birth families.

Catherine Spruance
Sandy, UT 84093-6913
Mar 9, 2013

FAITH H
Orem, UT 84058
Mar 9, 2013

It's time legislators pulled their head out of the ass of gayle. She is the most kisliked person in Utah, and the r's kiss her ass.

Peter Litvack
Solitude, UT 84121
Mar 9, 2013

Alisa Terry
Bellingham, WA 98226
Mar 9, 2013

Why on earth is Gayle Ruzicka's mere opinion more important than facts and stories from Utah mothers who have actually LIVED through adoptions?

June S Taylor
Slc, UT 84108
Mar 9, 2013

This has nothing to do with Gayle Ruzicka's "moral crusade" and for her to block it is absurd and upsetting.

Matthew White
Salt lake City, UT 84103
Mar 9, 2013

Jessica Stahle
North Salt Lake, UT 84054
Mar 9, 2013

As an adult adoptee who lacked a medical history until I was nearly 40, I implore you to vote for HB 256. It is DANGEROUS not to have this kind of access!

Alice Bain
Salt lake city, UT 84105
Mar 9, 2013

Linda Parsons
Salt Lake City, UT 84104
Mar 8, 2013

Alicia Cervantes
salt lake, UT 84107
Mar 8, 2013

Jana Mitchell
roy, UT 84067
Mar 8, 2013

This should be a non-issue. The child given up for adoption has every right to find their birth parents if for no other reason than medical problems that run in the family.

Christopher Blake Kucera
Salt Lake City, UT 84124
Mar 8, 2013

Raymi Gutierrez
Salt Lake City, UT 84129
Mar 8, 2013

Kimberly A
West Jordan, UT 84081
Mar 8, 2013

Jill Young
Kearns, UT 84118
Mar 8, 2013

Crystal Glazier
Saratoa Springs, UT 84045
Mar 8, 2013

Gretchen Essenmacher
Punta Gorda, FL 33983
Mar 7, 2013

Bruce Larson
Seattle, WA 98115
Mar 7, 2013

Abby Boynton
Salt Lake, UT 84118
Mar 7, 2013

Leah Gallagher
Hackensack, NJ 07601
Mar 6, 2013

This petition is about saving lives. I am an adoptive mother of my late sister's child. I recall a few times when I helped medical advisors because I was there when the child was born and I was very much a part of the child's life. Not all adoptive parents are in this position. Please allow harmless access to medical records.

Victoria Sethunya
Ogden, UT 84115
Mar 6, 2013

michael thomas
holladay, UT 84117
Mar 6, 2013

Raphael Cordray
SLC, UT 84102
Mar 6, 2013

Nancy Hancock
West Valley City, UT 84128
Mar 6, 2013

Andrew Wilken
LAYTON, UT 84041
Mar 6, 2013

John R Merrick
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
Mar 6, 2013

Jessica
West Jordan, UT 84081
Mar 6, 2013

Allison Cheney
Kaysville, UT 84037
Mar 6, 2013

Crystal Garner
Salt Lake City, UT 84106
Mar 6, 2013

Robert Boynton
Kearns, UT 84118
Mar 6, 2013

Good luck Sarah!

Ron Cole
Miami, FL 33131
Mar 6, 2013

Rich Kingery
Murray, UT 84107
Mar 6, 2013

Brian Horne
Bountiful, UT 84010
Mar 6, 2013

Becky Davis
Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Mar 6, 2013

At the young age of 18 I gave birth to my first child, a beautiful and healthy girl. Just 13 short months later I gave birth to her little brother, and found myself in such a state of poverty, depression, and devastation, that I was incapable of providing the care babies truly need and deserve. The father to both children had disappeared as soon as I was pregnant with the second child and made zero effort to assist in the care for the children and financial needs. The love I felt for both of these children surpassed anything I ever thought I was capable of, but I knew it wasn't enough. I knew that these babies deserved a family, a mother and a father. I wanted them to be provided for, and not have to live in poverty. When I chose to place my children for adoption I did so knowing there was a chance that they could come find me one day, and that I may be able to find them also- when they turned 18... not that they WOULD want to find me, however they MIGHT. **Had the capability for them to find me in the future not been available I would have never placed them for adoption.** Had my children not been placed for adoption they would have been exposed to drugs, violence, gangs, poverty, and many other potential dangers should their father have chosen to become present in their life. I wanted desperately to protect them- and wanted to reconnect with them in the future. At one point I thought a completely closed adoption was the right thing, because I was in so much pain over the choice at hand. My thought process was "If I don't see any pictures or receive any letters I will heal sooner and it won't hurt so deeply". I chose to have a partially open adoption, where I could receive letters and pictures from the adoptive family- updates on my children's lives. Why is this point important, because it shows you that in a deeply emotional state of mind a person can make a choice that later they may regret. It makes complete sense that a birthmother may change her mind on allowing her information to become available after previously choosing not to- why should she be denied that right? Many women love their babies yet are not in a position to properly care for or provide for them... they love them so much that they are willing to give them more... hoping and praying that someday they will be able to reconnect. Giving the birth children access to their original birth certificate makes the opportunity to reunite with their biological parents much more likely if they choose to do so.

Sarah Boynton
Salt Lake, UT 84118
Mar 6, 2013